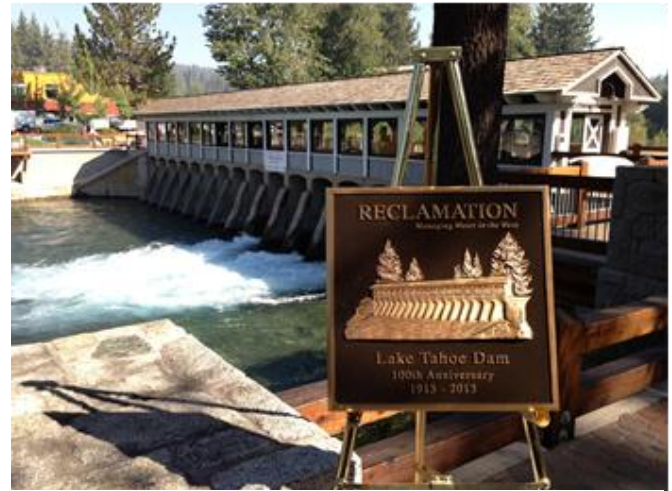


Lake Tahoe Dam Holds 100th Anniversary Celebration

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The Bureau of Reclamation, in partnership with the Truckee Meadows Water Authority and the Truckee Carson Irrigation District, celebrated the 100th anniversary of the completion of Lake Tahoe Dam with a ceremony held at the dam on Friday, Aug. 30.

The celebration began with welcoming remarks by Kenneth Parr, Reclamation; Cindy Gustafson, Tahoe City Public Utility District; and Herman Fillmore, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California. A Tribal Invocation was given by Washoe Tribal elder Melba Rakow.



Unveiling of memorial plaque at Lake Tahoe Dam.



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Kenneth Parr, Lahontan Basin Area Office Manager, with Resolution signed by California Assemblymember Brian Dahle.

The dam releases water from Lake Tahoe to supplement flows in the Truckee River. In 1981, the dam was listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is now a key spot for visitors to Tahoe City.

Speakers included Pablo Arroyave, Reclamation; Lucas Ingvaldstad, representing Nevada Senator Harry Reid; Mark Sutliff, representing Nevada Senator Dean Heller; Rocklund “Rocky” Deal, representing California Congressman Tom McClintock; Bob Gastonguay, representing Nevada Congressman Mark Amodei; Cheri Fry, representing California Assemblyman Brian Dahle; Brian Barton, California State Parks; Norman Harry, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Mark Foree, Truckee Meadows Water Authority; and Ernest Schank, Truckee Carson Irrigation District. The ceremony concluded with the unveiling of a memorial plaque.

Lake Tahoe Dam, part of Reclamation’s Newlands Project, was constructed to control the top six feet of Lake Tahoe, or some 732,000 acre-feet of water. The dam releases water from Lake Tahoe to supplement flows in the Truckee River. In 1981, the dam was listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is now a key spot for visitors to Tahoe City.



Pablo Arroyave, Deputy Regional Director for the Mid-Pacific Region, addresses the attendees.

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The dam's 100th anniversary celebration began a four-day community event organized by the North Kenneth Parr and Pablo Arroyave with memorial plaque.

Lake Tahoe Historical Society, Tahoe City and the Tahoe City Public Utility District. Tahoe City and TCPUD also celebrated their 150th and 75th anniversaries (respectively) over the Labor Day weekend.

Pablo Arroyave, Deputy Regional Director for the Mid-Pacific Region, stated, "The Bureau of Reclamation was formed in June 1902 when President Theodore Roosevelt signed the Reclamation Act. One of our very first authorized projects was right here: the Truckee-Carson Project, today known as the Newlands Project. And so, in 1903, just one year after Reclamation was established, we began to build the Truckee-Carson Project, which includes Lake Tahoe Dam."



Terri Edwards, Lahontan Basin Area Office Deputy Manager, and Katherine Thompson, Assistant Regional Director for Business Services.



Attendees at the Lake Tahoe Dam's 100th anniversary celebration.

For additional information on the Newlands Project, please visit http://www.usbr.gov/projects/Project.jsp?proj_Name=Newlands+Project.

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